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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ON JUNE 12 SPOKE TO PARLIAMENT FOR 80 MINUTES SUMMING UP GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 61 DAYS SINCE ITS INITIAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. HIS SPEECH, WHICH INCLUDED MAJOR SECTIONS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND TURKEY'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GREECE, AND THE U.S., CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT BIPARTISANSHIP

AND PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE ARE PREREQUISITES TO ANY SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THAT TURKISH COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST U.S. ARE INEVITABLE IF EFFORTS TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO FAIL. END SUMMARY.

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1. CONCERNING CYPRUS, CAGLAYANGIL SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD SEEK A

POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT "ON THE BASIS OF THE EXISTING SITUATION ON THE ISLAND." CLAIMING THAT CYPRUS HAS BEEN DIVIDED BECAUSE OF EVENTS NOT CAUSED BY TURKEY, HE SAID THAT "A BIZONAL FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION BASED ON GEOPHAPHIC GROUNDS HAS THEREFORE BECOME THE ONLY SOLUTION." HE DESCRIBED THE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE AND THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURES APPLIED ON THE GOVERNMENT, SAYING THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN A TEN-YEAR CHRONIC COMPLICATION THAT HAS BECOME A NATIONAL CAUSE FOR GREECE AND TURKEY. HE THEN SAID, "NO GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY CAN LEAD THE CYPRUS AFFAIR TO A SOLUTION WHICH CANNOT BE CONDONED BY THE PUBLIC. NO RULING POWER CAN BRING THE SUBJECT BEFORE PARLIAMENT UNLESS A FORMULA IS FOUND TO THE SATISFACTION OF EVERY SECTION OF THE STATE AND NATION, INCLUDING THE SUPPORTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION."

2. ON RELATIONS WITH U.S., CAGLAYANGIL REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT TURKEY HAD ALWAYS DONE ITS PART IN MAINTAINING THESE RELATIONS AND COOPERATING ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY. U.S. EMBARGO DECISION, HOWEVER, SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED MUTUAL INTERESTS OF 30-YEAR STANDING. "THE AMERICAN WISH TO MAKE THE MILITARY AID QUESTION A TOOL FOR POLITICAL PRUSSURE ON TURKEY IS AN OUT-OF-PLACE AND DANGEROUS DECISION WHICH IS ALSO AGAINST DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S SUCCUMBING TO POLITICAL PRESSURE." CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT TURKSIH POSITION HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHARES HIS VIEWS ON THIS, BUT THAT "IF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO DO NOY YIELD RESULTS, TURKEY, WHICH HAS MANIFESTED SUFFICIENT RESTRAINT, WILL INEVITABLY TAKE THE NECESSARY COUNTER-MEASURES IN THE BILATERAL DEFENSE SYSTEM WITH THE USA."

3. FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT FOR A YEAR TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS HAD BEEN DRAGGED TO A POINT OF NO RETURN. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE APPROPRIATE THING TO DO WAS TO ACT CALMLY AND SEEK A REMEDY TO THE SITUATION THROUGH A LOGICAL, REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH. "THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DID."

4. POLITICAL PARTY REACTIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S TALK WERE MIXED. DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPOKESMAN SUPPORTED CAGLAYANGIL'S VIEW
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THAT GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION MUST ACT IN NATIONAL UNITY FOR SOLUTION OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, BUT CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR NOT PRACTICING WHAT IT PREACHED. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) REPRESENTATIVE CALLED FOR REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH FRIENDS AND ALLIES, AND PARTICULARLY A REVIEW OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. HE PROMISED CONTINUED NSP SUPPORT AS LONG AS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RESPECT MORAL VALUES AT HOME AND PURSUES RESPECTED FOREIGN POLICY WORTHY OF THE NATION. REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RRP) POSITIVELY

SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY, BUT CRITICIZED REPUBLICAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DECISION NOT TO PARTICIAPTE IN FOREIGN POLICY
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